

In the specification, replace the second paragraph on page one under the heading "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" with the following paragraph:

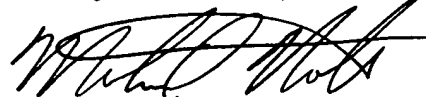
Q/ [2] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/033,550, entitled "Optical Signal Power Monitor and Regulator," by Sol P. DiJaili and Jeffrey D. Walker, filed December 27, 2001, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent No. 6,347,104, entitled "Optical Signal Power Monitor and Regulator," by Sol P. DiJaili and Jeffrey D. Walker, filed April 26, 1999; and claims priority from provisional U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/274,428, entitled "Semiconductor Optical Amplifiers for Controlling Power in a Network," by Sol P. DiJaili and Jeffrey D. Walker, filed March 9, 2001. The subject matter of the foregoing application is incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The purpose for this preliminary amendment is to properly claim priority to the above-referenced patent applications and issued patent. Favorable action, and early allowance are solicited.

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